Pension reforms in Railways

2449. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of the pension reform programme undertaken by the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): The Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, as amended from time to time, formulated by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, have been made applicable by the Ministry of Railways to its employees. Government had set up a High Level Expert Group on New Pension System, which submitted its report in February 2002. The recommendations made by this Group are currently under examination in the Government.

Discrimination with Hindi speaking candidates in Civil Services Examination

†2450. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item published in Hindi daily 'Navbharat Times' dated the 8th June, 2002 under the caption 'Civil Service Sakshatkar mein Hindi bhashi abhyarthiyon se durvyavhar';

(b) if so, the reasons for this discrimination;

(c) whether Government propose to take some effective measures in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF PEROSNNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations made in the said Newspaper report are incorrect.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.